

Operations Division

Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers 201 North Third Avenue Walla Walla, Washington 99362-1876 December 19, 2007

Lower Granite Lock to be Closed for 12-Hours

Lower Granite Lock, located at Snake River mile 107.5, will be closed to all river traffic beginning at 0700, 21 December and will return to **bulkhead** lockage at 1900, 21 December.

The closure is necessary to weld cracks discovered while inspecting for damage after the recent cable failure. The cracks that were discovered are not due to the cable failure but are a common occurrence for this type of gate and are repaired regularly.

When the lock returns to service, after the closure, additional work remains before the repair of the gate is completed. Bulkhead lockage will remain in place until the gate can return to full service. Commercial vessels will continue to contact the Lower Granite Control room for locking instructions at 509-843-1493 ext. 231, or contact the Lock Operator on Marine Radio Channel 14.

Recreational craft lockage is canceled until the repairs are complete and the gate returns to full service.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. For additional information, please call Operations Division at (509) 527-7115 or (509) 527-7114.

Public Notices and other Walla Walla District navigation lock information are available on the Internet at:

http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/t/navdata/default.html